

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-41887 of 2019

Date of Decision:13.02.2020

RITU SRIVASTAVA AND ANOTHER

.... Petitioner

Versus

ANKITA BHATNAGAR

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Ms.Arveen Kaur Sekhon, Advocate for
Mr.D.S.Gandhi, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr.Deepak Sharma, Advocate for the respondent.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J.(ORAL)

1. The petition herein seeks to challenge the complaint No. DV 120 of 15.07.2019 under Sections 12 read with Section 18, 19,, 20, 22, 23 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, titled Ankita Bhatnagar Vs. Gaurav Srivastava and others.
2. The petitioners herein would contend that petition *qua* them is not maintainable as they are not joint in residence with the complainant.
3. Appearance has been caused on behalf of the complainant who very fairly submits that complainant would not pursue her complaint *qua* the petitioners namely Ritu Srivastava and Sumit Nigam while stating that she would peruse the complaint only against respondents No.1 and 2 in the said complaint.
4. Without going into any merits of the case, the proceedings *qua* the petitioners who have been arrayed as respondents No.3 and 4 in the complaint filed under the Domestic Violence Act, 2005 are hereby quashed.

However, the respondent in the said act of giving up the petitioners would have no bearing on the merits of her case against the other respondents.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No